

a divided Congress has made it possible to move much progressive legislation to the floor.

All of us here in Congress—Republicans and Democrats alike—owe PATSY so much. She was known on both sides of the aisle for her determination, courage and tenacity, and was an inspiration for all of us in public service. We are better legislators and better human beings for having known and worked with this distinguished woman.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Turtle Bay Association (TBA) which is celebrating its 45th anniversary year of service to the community. The Turtle Bay Association is a group of dedicated volunteers actively working to preserve the history and enhance the quality of life of Turtle Bay.

New York City is comprised of an amalgam of neighborhoods, each of which has its own distinct flavor. Turtle Bay, once the site of Turtle Bay Farm, extends from 43rd to 53rd from Lexington Avenue to the East River. The Turtle Bay Association came into existence to respond to an unprecedented building boom that brought towering office buildings and high rise apartments to the community. In 1957, a group of Turtle Bay neighbors got together to protest the widening of East 49th Street to become a high speed thruway. The proposal was defeated. From these modest beginnings, TBA has grown to a highly-respected, tenacious group of almost 2000 New Yorkers dedicated to preserving the beauty of this distinctive neighborhood.

The TBA has compiled a substantial list of accomplishments through years of tireless organized community activism. The TBA has successfully spearheaded major park renovations including the reconstruction of Peter Detmold Park in 1987 and Dag Hammarskjold Plaza in 1999, and responded to the complaints of concerned parents by launching a clean up of MacArthur Playground. TBA has planted a profusion of trees and flowers and reduced visual clutter to beautify Second Avenue. In addition, TBA members periodically repaint mailboxes, traffic signs, and signal boxes vandalized with graffiti.

The TBA keeps the community and its members informed about local events through various media. By publishing the Turtle Bay newsletter, TBA offers members of the community access to interesting local news and to the area's upcoming social, civic, and cultural events. The TBA's prominently displayed bulletin board on Second Avenue is used to post important notices of interest to the community and its extensive website includes information about the neighborhood and TBA activities.

The TBA also maintains an active agenda of annual events, creating a fun and exciting environment for community service. They host the "Love Thy Neighborhood" Valentine Party, a Turtle Bay Street Fair, Night Out Against Crime, Town Hall Meetings, and a holiday toy collection for needy children. Through these

events, TBA promotes a sense of small town community in the heart of New York City.

Among its many other hard-earned achievements, TBA joined forces with the East Side Rezoning Alliance as charter members and successfully accomplished a drive for low-rise rezoning to protect the community's access to air and sunlight. Throughout its history, TBA has acted as a watchdog to report zoning violations that threaten the character and quality of life in the neighborhood.

The Turtle Bay Association's 45 years of positive results have provided an excellent example of the ways in which the commitment of concerned citizens can truly make a difference for an entire community.

In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Turtle Bay Association on the occasion of its 45th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on October 7, 2002, I was absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall vote Nos. 442 through 444. For the record, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on all these votes.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE GODDARD

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent George Goddard who died on August 15, 2002, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Goddard was born in Chicago in 1923. After graduating from Yale with a commission as Lt. (jg) in the U.S. Navy, he served on board the communications ship USS *Panamint*, which, during World War II, took the Japanese surrender of the island of Hokkaido.

After moving to Massachusetts in 1948, Mr. Goddard studied architecture at the Harvard School of Design where he was influenced by Walter Gropius and Mies van der Rohe. He moved to Belvedere in Marin County, CA, with his growing family and started his architectural career with Skidmore, Owens and Merrill. He later practiced independently and as a planning consultant designing teaching hospitals and medical and dental schools.

As a lifelong activist in social, political, and conservation causes, George stayed involved. He served on the Belvedere Planning Committee and played an integral role in acquiring Richardson Bay tidelands to save them from development. He also served as supervising architect during the move by barge of Lyford House, an 1870s dairy residence about to fall under the wrecker's ball, to its current home at the Richardson Bay Audubon Sanctuary.

George Goddard loved hiking, backpacking, sailing, and politics. In the 1990s, he organized a group of fellow navy officers into what became known as the Liars Club. Calling themselves Admirals, they met periodically to

embellish their war experiences. As no one paid any attention to anyone else, they could go on for years retelling the same enhanced stories. He is survived by his wife Sheret, six children, two grandsons, and six stepchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Goddard was a valued member of the Marin community who will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENCY OF DR. HAL RAMER

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Hal Ramer for an outstanding career in higher education administration and for his accomplishments during his more than three decades serving as the president of Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tennessee.

Dr. Ramer has been at the helm of Vol State since the beginning. But that will soon change when Dr. Ramer retires on January 31, 2003. He has watched a small community college grow from a student population of 560 in 1971 to about 7,000 today.

Dr. Ramer was instrumental in helping form the state's community college system. He arrived at the Tennessee Department of Education in 1963 and began a remarkable career reshaping the state's delivery of higher education. He was given the task of starting Volunteer State Community College on July 1, 1970, and had the college up and running in a year. Three decades later, Vol State has expanded its campus to include 31 teaching sites in 12 counties, providing a vital cog in the state's institutions of higher learning.

All Tennesseans have benefitted from Dr. Ramer's commitment and dedication to higher education. Dr. Ramer has poured his very soul into nearly five decades serving as a higher education administrator. Dr. Ramer's leadership will be sorely missed at Vol State. I congratulate him for his efforts and accomplishments in providing Tennesseans with an education second to none and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 7th I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 442, 443 and 444. These votes were on H.R. 3340 to allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants 50 or over, H.R. 5531 the Sudan Peace Act and H. Res. 468, the Transatlantic Security and NATO Enhancement Resolution. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on all three rollcalls.